USS GREGORY DD802 ASSOC. INC.

NEWSLETTER

January 2019



FROM THE BRIDGE

PRESIDENTS REPORT Walt Neumann, President

Well winter's here, Christmas Holidays and New Year celebrations are over and a nip is in the air. This means that we are moving closer to our next reunion. The dates are April 10 thru April 15 and the venue is something our Association has not done before, a cruise! What a novel idea (thanks Kathy!) We will be leaving from Galveston TX. Loy and Kathy Buley are putting this all together and the information is detailed later in this newsletter. They did a wonderful job with our Pensacola and Monterey reunion so this one will be extra special.

Every day we should take a moment to give thanks to and pray for our troops in harms way and for their safe return home. Also in our thoughts and prayers are those of us who are battling health issues and of shipmates who have passed on to be with the others who set sail before them. Please also include Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, EMTs and other emergency support personnel in your prayers.

At this time I would like to thank all of our Officers for their dedication to keep our Association up and running. Ken and Gloria Boyer are a great team in putting out our newsletters keeping everyone up to date with the latest USS Gregory happenings. Also thanks to Loy and Kathy Buley for all of their effort in planning another reunion, to our financial guru Bill Laing and to Ed Richardson for manning and stocking our Ship's Store.

If you have an idea on how to increase the USS Gregory Reunion participation, please contact me or any other Association Officer. Our contact information is listed in this newsletter and on our website. By the way, visit our website - you will be please with what you will see and read!

I am looking forward to seeing and spending time with you on our April cruise.

All the best and God Bless, Walt Neumann

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Loy Buley, Vice President

Happy New Year Shipmates!

Now that the holidays are behind us, we've turned our attention back to the Reunion cruise in April. For those who have made a deposit on a stateroom, final payment will be due on or before January 20, 2019. We will be contacting anyone who has not already authorized processing of the payment to verify the final balance and which credit card they will be using.

If any of our members are still considering joining in the fun, our remaining allotment of staterooms will revert to Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on January 10. This is not to say it might not be possible to book in at a later date but just that the group rate may no longer be available. In that case, a stateroom would be subject to availability and whatever pricing may be in effect at that time. If you have any questions, please call Loy or Kathy (512-258-7465) or email: kathybuley@sbcglobal.net

Loy Buley

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SECRETARY'S REPORT Ken Boyer, Secretary

Greetings of the Season to all USS Gregory Association members! It's cold and snowy here in Minnesota but we are looking forward to the warmth and beauty of the Reunion cruise in April. Loy and Kathy have worked hard to put together another great Reunion. Our membership continues to decline. We just had 47 memberships in 2018 which is down from 71 the previous year. If you know of any shipmates who are not members, encourage them to join -- it's only \$12 per year! Spouses and children are also invited to join. The 2018 Membership form is attached to this letter.

Again we encourage you to check out the USS Gregory website. Also check out the Tin Can Sailors website and consider joining — it's a great organization for us former destroyer guys to belong to. TCS publishes a newsletter several times a year with many interesting navy stories in it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion in April!

Ken Boyer

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TREASURER'S REPORT Bill Laing, Treasurer

USS Gregory Accounts as of December 31, 2018:

CASH ON HAND \$6,943.32

Bill Laing

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SHIP'S STORE Ed Richardson, Store Keeper

We have available USS Gregory license plate frames @ \$11.00 each. If interested in getting one, please contact Ed Richardson.

Ed Richardson

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USS GREGORY DD-802 ASSOCIATION, INC.

SHIPMATE MEMBERSHIP FORM

| NAME | | SPOUSE |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| ADDRESS | | |
| CITY | | |
| PHONE() | _EMAIL | |
| DATES SERVED ON THE GREGORY: | FROM | то |
| LAST RATE (MM,BM,GM, etc.) | | |
| SPOUSE OR FAMIL NAME | | |
| FORMER SHIPMATE'S NAME | | |
| RELATIONSHIP TO SHIPMATE | | |
| ADDRESS | | |
| CITY | _STATE | ZIP |
| PHONE_()_ | _EMAIL | |
| DUES: \$12.00 per person per year | | |
| MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USS If you wish to contribute to the Ass | sociation Opera | ating Fund, you may add that to |

your dues check or you can write a separate check. Any amount is appreciated.

SEND DUES AND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Ken Boyer - Secretary
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